Terms of reference of the Mathew Commission

1232. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) when Government appointed the Justice Mathew Commission;

(b) what were the terms of reference;

(c) whether any fresh clause has been added to the terms of reference of the Commission if so, details thereof;

(d) when the Commission was expected to submit its report; and

(e) whether its term was extended, if so, the reasons therefor and the date by which it is expected to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) The Commission was appointed on 20-8-1985.

(b) Attached resolution dated 20-8-85 sets out the terms of reference of the Commission. (*See below*)

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The Commission was originally required to submit its report not later than 31-10-85.

(e) The Commission's term has been extended to 30-11-85 as it had to give extension of time to Punjab to file its written statement and to Haryana to file its rejoinder thereto.

F. No. 11012/4/85-SR

Government of India
Ministry of Hime Affairs

New Delhi, the 20th August, 1985

RESOLUTION

In the Memorandum of Settlement dated the 24th July, 1985 between the Prime Minister of India and the President of Shiromani Akali Dal, paragraph 7.2 reads as follows:

"7.2 It had always been maintained by Smt. Indira Gandhi that when Chandigarh is to go to Punjab and some Hindi-speaking territories in Punjab will go to Haryana. A Commission will be constituted to determine the specific Hindi-speaking areas of Punjab which should go to Haryana, in lieu of Chandigarh.

The principle of contiguity and linguistic affinity with a village as a unit will be the basis of such determination. The Commission will be required to give its findings by 31st December, 1985 and these will be binding on both sides. The work of the Commission will be limited to this aspect and will be distinct from the general boundary claims which the other Commission referred to in para 7.4 will handle."

In pursuance of the above, the Government of India have decided to appoint a Commission consisting of Shri Justice K.K. Mathew, retired Judge of the Supreme Court of India.

2. The Commission shall apply the principles of contiguity and linguistic affinity with village as a unit for such determination. The Commission may also take into consideration such other factors as it may deem relevant or appropriate.

3. The Commission will be at liberty to devise its own procedure for its work. The Commission will ordinarilly hold its meeting in private.

4. The Commission will make its commendations to the Government of India not later than the 31st October, 1985.

Sd/-
(R. D. PRADHAN)
Secretary to the
Government of India.

ORDER

Ordered that a copy of this Resolution be communicated to all State Governments, all Ministries of the Government of India etc. and also that the Resolution be published in Gazette of India.

Ordered also that a copy of this Resolution be communicated to the Commission.

Sd/-
(R.D. PRADHAN)
Secretary to the Government of India

To

The Manager,
Government of India Press,
Ring Road, Mayapuri,
New Delhi.

Implementation of Assam Accord

1233. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the details of the progress made so far in regard to the implementation of the accord reached on Assam recently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATES (SHRI P. A. SANGMA)

Statement

Progress on the Implementation of Assam Accord

Clause No.	Text	Progress
1	2	
5·1	For purposes of detection and deletion of foreigners, 1-1-1966 shall be the base date and year.	
5·2	All persons who came to Assam prior to 1-1-1966 including those amongst them whose names appeared on the electoral rolls used in 1967 elections, shall be regularised.	
5·3	Foreigners who came to Assam after 1-1-1966 (inclusive) and upto 24th March, 1971 shall be detected in accordance with the provisions of the Foreigners Act, 1946 and Foreigners (Tribunals) Order, 1964.	The Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 1985 has been undertaken. The Bill has been passed by the Lok Sabha.
5·4	Names of foreigners is detected will be deleted from the electoral rolls in force. Such persons will be required to register themselves before the Registration Officers of the respective district in accordance with the provisions of the Registration Foreigners Act, 1939 and the Registration of Foreigners Rules, 1939.	